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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, between lines 1 and 2, insert the following:

**--RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application claims the priority of PCT Application No. PCT/BE98/00115,  
filed July 25, 1997, which is incorporated herein by reference.